

FILED: April 16, 2024

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

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No. 23-1078 (L)  
(2:21-cv-00316)

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B.P.J., by her next friend and mother; HEATHER JACKSON

Plaintiffs - Appellants

v.

WEST VIRGINIA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION; HARRISON COUNTY  
BOARD OF EDUCATION; WEST VIRGINIA SECONDARY SCHOOL  
ACTIVITIES COMMISSION; W. CLAYTON BURCH, in his official capacity as  
State Superintendent; DORA STUTLER, in her official capacity as Harrison County  
Superintendent

Defendants - Appellees

and

THE STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA; LAINEY ARMISTEAD

Intervenors - Appellees

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TREVOR PROJECT; TRANSGENDER WOMEN ATHLETES; UNITED STATES  
OF AMERICA; NATIONAL WOMEN'S LAW CENTER AND 51 ADDITIONAL  
ORGANIZATIONS; STATE OF NEW YORK; AMERICAN ACADEMY OF  
PEDIATRICS; AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION; FOUR ADDITIONAL  
HEALTH CARE ORGANIZATIONS; ATHLETE ALLY; CURRENT AND  
FORMER PROFESSIONAL, OLYMPIC AND INTERNATIONAL ATHLETES IN  
WOMENS SPORTS; NATIONAL WOMEN'S SOCCER LEAGUE PLAYERS

ASSOCIATION; WOMEN'S SPORTS FOUNDATION; DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA; STATE OF HAWAII; STATE OF CALIFORNIA; STATE OF COLORADO; STATE OF CONNECTICUT; STATE OF DELAWARE; STATE OF ILLINOIS; STATE OF MAINE; STATE OF MARYLAND; STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS; STATE OF MICHIGAN; STATE OF MINNESOTA; STATE OF NEW JERSEY; STATE OF OREGON; STATE OF RHODE ISLAND; STATE OF VERMONT; STATE OF WASHINGTON

Amici Supporting Appellants

and

THOMAS MORE SOCIETY; NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EVANGELICALS; CONCERNED WOMEN FOR AMERICA; INSTITUTE FOR FAITH AND FAMILY; SAMARITAN'S PURSE; WOMEN'S DECLARATION INTERNATIONAL USA; 25 ATHLETIC OFFICIALS AND COACHES OF FEMALE ATHLETES; FEMALE OLYMPIC ROWERS MARY I. O'CONNOR, CAROL BROWN, PATRICIA SPRATLEN ETEM, VALERIE MCCLAIN, AND JAN PALCHIKOFF; 22 BUSINESS EXECUTIVES; INTERNATIONAL CONSORTIUM ON FEMALE SPORT; INDEPENDENT COUNCIL ON WOMEN'S SPORT; DEFENSE OF FREEDOM INSTITUTE; 78 FEMALE ATHLETES, COACHES, SPORTS OFFICIALS, AND PARENTS OF FEMALE ATHLETES; PUBLIC ADVOCATE OF THE UNITED STATES; AMERICA'S FUTURE; U.S. CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS LEGAL DEFENSE FUND; ONE NATION UNDER GOD FOUNDATION; FITZGERALD GRIFFIN FOUNDATION; CONSERVATIVE LEGAL DEFENSE AND EDUCATION FUND; INDEPENDENT WOMEN'S LAW CENTER; PARENTS DEFENDING EDUCATION; ALABAMA, ARKANSAS, AND 15 OTHER STATES

Amici Supporting Appellees

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No. 23-1130  
(2:21-cv-00316)

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B.P.J., by her next friend and mother; HEATHER JACKSON

Plaintiffs - Appellees

v.

WEST VIRGINIA SECONDARY SCHOOL ACTIVITIES COMMISSION

Defendant - Appellant

and

WEST VIRGINIA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION; HARRISON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION; W. CLAYTON BURCH, in his official capacity as State Superintendent; DORA STUTLER, in her official capacity as Harrison County Superintendent

Defendants

and

THE STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA; LAINEY ARMISTEAD

Intervenors

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THOMAS MORE SOCIETY; NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EVANGELICALS; CONCERNED WOMEN FOR AMERICA; INSTITUTE FOR FAITH AND FAMILY; SAMARITAN'S PURSE; WOMEN'S DECLARATION INTERNATIONAL USA; 25 ATHLETIC OFFICIALS AND COACHES OF FEMALE ATHLETES; FEMALE OLYMPIC ROWERS MARY I. O'CONNOR, CAROL BROWN, PATRICIA SPRATLEN ETEM, VALERIE MCCLAIN, AND JAN PALCHIKOFF; 22 BUSINESS EXECUTIVES; INTERNATIONAL CONSORTIUM ON FEMALE SPORT; INDEPENDENT COUNCIL ON WOMEN'S SPORT; DEFENSE OF FREEDOM INSTITUTE; 78 FEMALE ATHLETES, COACHES, SPORTS OFFICIALS, AND PARENTS OF FEMALE ATHLETES; PUBLIC ADVOCATE OF THE UNITED STATES; AMERICA'S FUTURE; U.S. CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS LEGAL DEFENSE FUND; ONE NATION UNDER GOD FOUNDATION; FITZGERALD GRIFFIN FOUNDATION; CONSERVATIVE LEGAL DEFENSE AND EDUCATION FUND; INDEPENDENT WOMEN'S LAW CENTER; PARENTS DEFENDING EDUCATION; ALABAMA, ARKANSAS, AND 15 OTHER STATES

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TREVOR PROJECT; TRANSGENDER WOMEN ATHLETES; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; NATIONAL WOMEN'S LAW CENTER AND 51 ADDITIONAL ORGANIZATIONS; STATE OF NEW YORK; AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS; AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION; FOUR ADDITIONAL HEALTH CARE ORGANIZATIONS; ATHLETE ALLY; CURRENT AND FORMER PROFESSIONAL, OLYMPIC AND INTERNATIONAL ATHLETES IN WOMENS SPORTS; NATIONAL WOMEN'S SOCCER LEAGUE PLAYERS ASSOCIATION; WOMEN'S SPORTS FOUNDATION; DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA; STATE OF HAWAII; STATE OF CALIFORNIA; STATE OF COLORADO; STATE OF CONNECTICUT; STATE OF DELAWARE; STATE OF ILLINOIS; STATE OF MAINE; STATE OF MARYLAND; STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS; STATE OF MICHIGAN; STATE OF MINNESOTA; STATE OF NEW JERSEY; STATE OF OREGON; STATE OF RHODE ISLAND; STATE OF VERMONT; STATE OF WASHINGTON

Amici Supporting Appellees

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In accordance with the decision of this court, the judgment of the district court in case no. 23-1078 is vacated in part and reversed in part. This case is remanded with instructions to the district court for further proceedings consistent with the court's decision. The appeal in case no. 23-1130 is dismissed.

This judgment shall take effect upon issuance of this court's mandate in accordance with [Fed. R. App. P. 41](#).

/s/ NWAMAKA ANOWI, CLERK